



DEFENCE TO PROVE CAMBLERS KILLED ROSENTHAL

Mrs. Rosenthal Tells of Meeting of Husband and Becker in Elks' Club—Becker Cuts Short Her Cross Examination.

New York, Oct. 17.—There was an episode in the trial of Lieutenant Becker that will hardly be forgotten by those who looked and listened. That was when Mrs. Lillian Rosenthal, the widow of the murdered gambler, looked steadfastly at Becker and swore that he was present when Becker in the Elks' club, a few months before the murder, put his arm around her husband's shoulders and said: "Cheer up. Everything will be all right."

The jurors who had been following every word of Mrs. Rosenthal's composed but earnest story were on tip-toe as they leaned toward the witness. Several turned their heads and watched Becker's face as Mrs. Rosenthal kept on with her testimony about the raid that the lieutenant made on the gambling house and the reply he made to her surprised questions as to what it all meant. "It had to be Herman or me. Tell Herman he don't owe me anything. Tell him to go down and see that man and tell him we are square."

For the first time since the trial Lieutenant Becker's eyes roved from a witness. He looked toward the ceiling or at the table in front of him, and when Mrs. Rosenthal at times turned from the jurors to fix her eyes on him he looked away. The muscles of his throat were moving as if he was swallowing hard. And when Mr. McIntyre a little later would have persisted with the cross examination of Mrs. Rosenthal, Becker asked his lawyer to stop.

Defense to Be Heard Today.
With the testimony of Mrs. Rosenthal and with the testimony of numerous disinterested witnesses that Becker and Rose, in the months before the murder, met at Rose's house, at the Union Square hotel and at Luchow's restaurant and that Becker was in communication with Rose after the murder, the state approached the completion of its case.

The district attorney will put on the stand today a few more witnesses for the purpose of additionally corroborating details of the testimony of Rose, Webster, Vallon and Schepps. Mr. McIntyre will then ask that the defendant be discharged on the ground that the state has failed to make a case. If the motion is denied—and there is every likelihood that it will be—Becker's chief counsel will be required to make his opening address to the jury and to call the witnesses for the defense. The line of defense has been plainly indicated. Becker's counsel will try to show that Rosenthal was murdered by gamblers who were afraid that his "squeal" would put them out of business.

The district attorney yesterday struck his most effective blows against the defense. The intensely interesting and highly colored narratives of the four informers has furnished the theatrical features of the trial—these and the convincing story told by Mrs. Rosenthal. They were like the episodes of the big act of a well constructed drama. But the testimony of the succeeding witnesses, the many who furnished corroboration, was the explanatory final act, the connecting links of the story.

Becker and Rose Friends.
By these witnesses the state showed that Lieutenant Becker and Jack Rose were for a long time preceding the murder on the most intimate and friendly terms, whatever way their affairs pointed. Becker and his wife dined with the Roses. Becker and Rose met in restaurants little frequented by uptown gamblers and spoke cautiously when eavesdroppers were by. A waiter saw Rose give money to Becker on two occasions. There was a witness to corroborate Schepps' story that Rose appealed to Becker after the murder and that Becker sent back word for Rose to stay in hiding.

There was a witness to swear that he heard Becker in the Tombs say that after the sensation blew over the public would give him a pension for killing a "damned skunk." There was corroboration of Rose's story that John W. Hart, Becker's lawyer, visited Rose on the second night of the murder, gaining admission to Rose's hiding place with the initials "J. H." his own with the "W." omitted.

No amount of cross examination could shake those corroborative stories.

BECKER TO TESTIFY TO-DAY.
(Special to The Citizen.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—District Attorney Whitman began to rush matters in the trial of Police Lieut. Charles Becker, for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, to-day. Mrs. Herman Rosenthal finished her testimony on the witness stand this morning and it is thought that Becker will be called to testify in his own behalf this afternoon.

MAMMOTH HOG.
G. Smith & Son shipped a large hog on Wednesday from their Crystal Spring farm at Dyberry that tipped the scales at 454 pounds. This is one of the largest dressed hogs shipped out of Wayne county in some time. It was consigned to Moosic.

THAT HONESDALE ROAD.

Good Roads Note Recalls the Old Plank Road from Narrowsburg.

In the last issue of the Record attention is drawn to the fact that the state of Pennsylvania is to build a macadam road from Honesdale to Narrowsburg. This calls to mind that about the time the Erie railroad was opened through from New York to Lake Erie in 1848 the country was passing through an epidemic of plank roads. As Narrowsburg was the nearest and most convenient point at which Honesdale could connect with the railroad, a plank road was constructed between the two points, over which a line of four-horse Concord coaches made daily trips.

Narrowsburg was an important express station, and a dining hall was maintained there until the Lackawanna branch drew the travel to that line. After this Narrowsburg became of lesser importance and fewer trains stopped. A few years ago the dining hall was removed—the glory of the town departed.

The writer remembers making a trip in November, 1850, on top of a "Concord" over the "Honesdale plank," from Narrowsburg to Honesdale, sitting with the driver, who was an old timer and full of reminiscences, which emphasized with cracks of his whip and oaths without stint. —Jeffersonville Record.

WILD CAT ATTACKS MAN AT TYLER HILL

Mr. Wagge of that Place Received Scratches but Succeeded in Wounding Animal, Which Made for the Woods.

It has been some time since a wild cat story has been received here and the occurrence in Wayne county will be of interest to all residing therein. Our Tyler Hill correspondent sends us a story of a wild cat attacking a man at that place on Tuesday night about dark back of K. P. Johnston's property. Mr. Wagge, whose home is in Leonia, N. J., and who is employed by Mr. Johnston, was in the latter's house last evening and heard a peculiar noise coming from the vicinity of the hen house. He went out to investigate and was much alarmed when he found that the noise was being made by a real live wild cat. He immediately returned to the house for his gun but as he was returning to the place he saw the cat leap up the hill toward the woods. He took a chance shot though and he was probably successful for a series of shrieks came from the animal, which turned and charged Wagge, who not being prepared for the sudden attack, dropped his gun. The cat sprang at him and he grasped it and flung it from him and again the cat made for the woods. When Wagge recovered from the shock he picked up his gun and followed but in the dark he lost sight of it and it was seen no more. Later in the night E. E. Oliver and T. B. Welsh and son Orville put a dog on the scent but after a run of some distance returned. Wagge received several minor wounds and scratches and a torn shirt but otherwise was none the worse for the encounter. It is thought that the cat was wounded and will die as Wagge's hands were covered with blood after he flung the animal from him.

Death of Merwin W. Goodrich.

Merwin W. Goodrich was born in Clinton, Pa., Jan. 25, 1842. In early life he followed the trade of a carpenter. In the time of his country's greatest need he enlisted in Co. G, 18th Pa. Inf. and served through the Wilderness campaign and before Petersburg. After the war he came west and resided in Winnetka, Ill., afterward removing to Duluth, Minn., where he resided for over twenty-five years. He entered the calling of a superintendent of construction and built many of the largest and best buildings in the city including the High school and other school buildings, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Catholic church, and others which will stand as monuments to his integrity and ability long after the present generation has passed away. On Dec. 29, 1903, he was united in marriage to Emma J. Davenport (Harrison) at Clinton, Pa. He died October 10 at his home in Duluth and was buried two days later by J. B. Culver Post, G. A. R., of which he had long been a member. He was laid at rest in beautiful Forest Hill cemetery, in the soldiers' plot by his comrades, wrapped in the flag he had loved and fought for long ago. Besides his widow he is survived by three brothers and two sisters, one of whom, Mrs. Martha Kirby, was with him when he died.

UNION.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Union, Oct. 16. Frank Williams, of Scranton, was the guest of Miss Jane Gilchrist on Sunday.

Clarence Blake, who has been seriously ill with an acute attack of blood poisoning, is slowly recovering. He had the misfortune to get a silver in his finger which was the cause of his illness.

Nathan Mogridge has secured a position at East Branch. Dr. Frisbie and J. Waldron Farley visited the Union school last week, getting the physical condition of the pupils.

Mrs. Wm. Guinnip, of Ateo, and Mrs. Charles Rockwell, daughter Miss Harriet, and son Harry, of Honesdale, drove their new "Ford" car through this place last week en route for Equinunk. They called on their cousin, Mrs. John Blake of this place.

JOHN WANAMAKER'S EPIGRAMS ON THE TARIFF.

"THE tearing down of the constitution and the tariff is like allowing a horde of enemies under the spell of a reckless leader to rip off the armor plate on our naval vessels."

"Nothing under heaven can stop the havoc of desperate fighters but a continent-wide rally of the Republican party."

"Taft and the top wave of prosperity, or destruction to industries," or "the whirling administration of an unbalanced president."

"No new government ought to be permitted to check existing prosperity."

"The pleading of millions of American citizens from all over the land for work failed to stay the destroying hand of Cleveland and his free trade congress."

"An act (the Wilson tariff) that closed American workshops, that reduced American wages and degraded American manhood to want, misery and starvation."

"Do American farmers, American workmen, American manufacturers, American merchants desire a return to the Cleveland condition? If so, the way is open by the election of a free trade president and a free trade congress."

"I believe the Republican party can and will rightly revise the tariff."

He Knows Which Side His Bread Is Buttered On.



AUGUST BREGSTEIN RECEIVES PECULIAR LETTER

Purporting to Have Come From a Spanish Prison Offering Him \$100,000 to Carry Out Writer's Wishes.

The following letter was received by August Bregstein of this place the first of the week, purporting to come from Ivanovitch, who is confined in a Madrid prison on a charge of manslaughter. Similar letters have been received by parties in Scranton and other places offering them a fortune to carry out the wishes of the writer. The letter may be some kind of an advertising scheme but if so is very cleverly gotten up. It follows: (Letter).

Dear Sir: Although I know you only from good reference of your honesty my sad condition compels me to reveal you an important affair in which you can procure a modest fortune saying at the same time that of my darling daughter.

Before being imprisoned here I was established as a banker in Russia as you will see by the enclosed article about me of many English newspapers which have published my arrest in London.

I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of \$480,000 I have in America and to come here to raise the seizure of my baggage, paying to the registrar of the court the expenses of my trial and recovering portmanteau containing a secret pocket where I have hidden the document indispensable to recover the said sum.

As a reward I will give up to you the third part, viz \$160,000.

I cannot receive your answer in the prison but you must send a cablegram to a person of my confidence who will deliver it to me.

Awaiting your cable to instruct you in all my secret, I am, Sir, IVANOVITCH.

First of all answer by cable, not by letter as follows:

Arrue, General Lacy w-5 Madrid, Spain.

The clipping which we print below was enclosed in the letter and explains the circumstances of the Russian Banker, who absconded. It is supposed to have been clipped from a London paper.

ARREST OF A ST. PETERSBURG BANKER.

Charged With Fraud in Russia and Manslaughter in Spain—Interview of the Two Ambassadors.

Some months ago, as our readers may remember we referred in these columns to the great scandal caused, in St. Petersburg, and in Russia generally, by a noted Banker who absconded, leaving a deficit of over five millions of rubles.

The Russian police sought for him for a long time in vain for it seems he had not left the least trace of his flight and the continued search over

Europe and America proved unavailing.

Yesterday, however, a Spanish Inspector accompanied by two officers from Scotland Yard and acting under instructions of the Spanish Ambassador, who had previously interviewed the Home Secretary arrested him on his way from the Home Secretary's office. It seems that it was his evident intention to take passage for New York. From information received by the Ambassador, he had been in hiding in Spain, where he lived with a woman and with his daughter. A few days before arriving in London he had quarrelled with another Russian, who was mortally wounded by a revolver shot during the scuffle, and who only lived long enough to denounce his assailant.

In an interview with the Russian Ambassador, it seems that the name he had been using in Spain, and which he gave on being arrested was not his real one, Manesina being implied an alias, but after comparing the prisoner with photographs in his possession, the Russian Ambassador recognized him as Alexis Ivanovitch, the criminal banker who eloped with five millions of rubles; he is a native of St. Petersburg, a widower 48 years old, with an only daughter that he left in Spain on escaping from that country.

On being arrested, two of Manesina's or Alexis Ivanovitch portmanteaus were seized but although strictly searched nothing but personal effects were found in them, in spite of which, the Russian Ambassador declares that prisoner ought to have several million rubles somewhere.

The Russian and Spanish Ambassadors conferred yesterday evening as to whether the prisoner should be conveyed to Spain or to Russia, and after an interview with the Home Secretary, and in accordance with the extradition treaty in England, Russia and Spain, it was agreed that the prisoner should be conveyed to Spain, to stand his trial for manslaughter, and that only after his trial can the Russian government ask Spain, through diplomatic channels, for his extradition.

ROOSEVELT FEELING "BULLY FINE."

(Special to The Citizen.)

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—The physicians at the Mercy hospital here today report that Theodore Roosevelt is resting good and that his condition is much improved and the doctors hope for his speedy recovery.

The Colonel laughed and joked with his family this morning and ate a hearty breakfast. He says he is feeling fine and is able to go to Oyster Bay at once if they would let him. The doctors say that there is no sign of blood poison and that there is not likely to be any danger.

STRAWBERRIES IN OCTOBER.

Monday of this week Mrs. W. Emilie Crosier of Thompson, picked from her garden a large, fully ripe strawberry. Is not that ahead of California?—Susquehanna Ledger.

HELD FOR MURDER;

COMMITTS SUICIDE.

Slayer of Carl Forto, at Childs, on Sept. 27, Ends Life in Lackawanna County Jail by Eating Ground Glass.

(Special to The Citizen.)

SCRANTON, Oct. 18.—Joseph Matteo, an Italian, who was awaiting trial in the county jail here for the murder of Carl Forto at Childs on Friday, September 27, committed suicide in the jail by eating ground glass yesterday. He died this morning at 10:30 o'clock after the ambulance from the State hospital had arrived.

At the time of the shooting Forto, Matteo pleaded self-defense, after being caught in the woods, where he escaped after the shooting. He displayed a stab wound on the right breast to prove his assertion.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

M. B. Allen et al to Martha P. Sharpsteen, both of Honesdale, land in Honesdale; consideration, \$1,000.

Thomas B. Daggers, of Gouldsboro to Walter Daggers, same, land in Lehigh township; consideration, \$1700.

BABY FOUND DEAD IN CRADLE

Twin Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Warner, White Mills, Dies Suddenly.

Adam, four weeks' old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Warner, of White Mills, was found dead in its cradle Wednesday evening when members of the family went to get the baby to carry him upstairs for the night. Adam had not been ailing and his death was a shock to the family. He is survived by a twin brother, besides his parents.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon in St. Mary Magdalen's church at 2 o'clock. Interment in the German Catholic cemetery.

DEATH OF WELL KNOWN FORMER HONESDALE.

County Solicitor of Carbondale For One Term and Part of Second—Well Known in Legal Profession.

Louis Gramer, city solicitor, and one of the best known men and highly respected members of the legal profession of Lackawanna county, died Tuesday morning, following a brief illness. He was forty-six years old. His untimely demise was due to heart trouble. At the time of his death, Mr. Gramer was serving his second term as city solicitor and during his incumbency he showed an admirable disposition to elevate and make more efficient the city government. He was a man who manifested a keen interest in the care and development of health, moral training of the young, obedience to law and other matters pertaining to public affairs which made him a desirable citizen and of the type that a city can ill afford to lose.

Mr. Gramer was born in Honesdale about forty-six years ago. In 1869 he went to Carbondale with his parents and had resided there continuously since. At the age of eighteen years he graduated from the public high school and with a determination to obtain a higher education he worked in the boiler department of the Delaware & Hudson shops and later taught school at Tompkinsville. He later took up a preparatory course of study in the Hartwick Seminary at Cooperstown, N. Y., and after completing that course entered the University of Pennsylvania law school at Philadelphia, from which institution he graduated about fifteen years ago. While attending school he studied law in the office of Attorney R. D. Stuart in Carbondale.

Besides his wife, he is survived by four children, Wendell, Lindsay, Isabel and Edward; six brothers, Henry, Charles, William, Edward, Andrew and Frank; and two sisters, Mrs. William H. Hubbard and Mrs. Owen D. Burdick, all of Carbondale. He was a member of the Blue Lodge of the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Heptasophis.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his late home in Carbondale, Rev. Chas. Lee, D. D., officiating. Interment will be made in Maplewood cemetery.

TRESLARVILLE.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Treslarville, Oct. 16. Oscar Swingle and wife, with A. R. Swingle and wife, recently took a spin to Grooville, N. Y. They report a pleasant trip, finding the roads in good condition. They gave their relatives a happy surprise, bringing H. G. Lake home with them. On their return trip Mr. Lake visited his two sisters, one at Wimmers and the other at Clarks Summit. His two sister-in-laws, one of Gravity, and one at Treslarville. He then took the train for Grooville, taking two of his nieces, Miss Denise and Miss Elizabeth Swingle, home with him.

Herbert Swingle and wife attended the State Sunday school convention at Philadelphia.

The Ladies' Aid of Treslarville took their annual outing Thursday last. The three Shaffers with their automobiles loaded to their utmost capacity with ladies started for Newfoundland where they arrived in time to partake of a sumptuous dinner served by Mrs. Rhoades of that place. All report a good time with no accident.

Elder Armstrong of Dunmore, preached a very interesting sermon in the Evangelical church Friday evening, the 11th. On the 18th he will give us another sermon. All are invited to come.

EDDIE MURPHY GIVEN ROUSING WELCOME

Big League Ball Player Honored by People of Home Town—Reception Given in His Honor.

That Wayne county and more particularly White Mills is proud of Eddie Murphy, was evidenced Tuesday evening when Murphy's friends in that village turned out to welcome him home and to celebrate the event around the festive board, in speech making and music.

The event had been planned some days before Eddie arrived home and everybody in White Mills was called upon to help and all enthusiastically gave their support in making it a success. The committee in charge was composed of John J. Boyle, chairman, Joseph Miller, Anthony Gill, Gustave Liljequist, and George Zintel.

At eight o'clock the White Mills band led the march to the hostelry of Thomas Murphy, where Eddie, all in ignorance of what his friends were doing, was resting quietly. The band stopped in front of the hotel and played several selections before Eddie came out, much surprised and altogether pleased to witness the regard in which he was held by his friends and neighbors. The band, followed by the company, repaired to the theatre where chairs were placed facing the stage and the seat of the chairman. The program began by a rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the band, at which everybody arose, and then Mr. Boyle, chairman of the reception committee extended a welcome to Eddie to White Mills. He explained that the reception was given by the people of White Mills to show their admiration for the young ball player and at the conclusion of his talk he presented to Eddie a fine gold watch in the name of the people of White Mills. The watch was beautifully engraved on the inside of back lid. "Presented to Eddie Murphy, Oct. 15, 1912, by his White Mills Friends." The watch, which is an Elgin, is a seventeen jewel movement and cost the committee \$150. The sum was raised, as was the necessary amount for the banquet, by general subscription from the people of that section. In accepting the gift Mr. Murphy was very much pleased and warmly thanked them all for their kindness.

Mr. Silverstone, of Honesdale, was introduced by the chairman as being the oldest base ball player in Wayne county. Mr. Silverstone made a few remarks on his early playing and including in a few reminiscences in which he played a part in the early days of White Mills. His words were warmly received. Several other ex-ball players were asked for short talks and a few responded. The next on the program was a quartette composed of Thos. Gill, Frank Falk, Joe Falk, and Fred Bielman, who sang "Success to You." Several others were called on to give speeches after which Bielman's orchestra played a selection. About 10 o'clock the tables were ready and everybody sat down to the repast, which was a fitting climax to the evening's celebration.

Now that we have covered the material points of the celebration we will say a word about Eddie. He left White Mills some years ago for St. Bonaventura College where he played ball in the college team. He was there one year. From the college Eddie went to Scranton where he played in the New York state league. He was not in Scranton long before he was drafted by Baltimore, of the International League. From here Eddie made the jump into the big league. He played with the Athletics, of Philadelphia, the past season and finished up with a batting average of .317. It is the opinion of base ball critics that Eddie Murphy will be the biggest star in the big league in the course of a year or two. Eddie has been at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy at White Mills since Saturday before leaving with his team for Cuba.

Among those present to welcome Eddie was the veteran "Billy" Silverstone, who in 1869, played with the Arlingtons of New York City on the old Mount Morris grounds, now built up solid with apartment houses. The Arlingtons were one of the best amateur clubs in New York at that time. Billy was prominent in base ball in Honesdale in the early 80's but for the last thirty years he has been only an ardent fan. H. C. Van Alstyne and Fred Schuerholz were also present from Honesdale.

GRANGE NEWS.
Elk Lake Grange held an all-day meeting Sept. 28. Third and fourth degrees were conferred on three candidates after which dinner was served. Deputy Lyman and wife were present and gave out instructions on the unwritten work. He pronounced the Elk Lake Grange in a flourishing condition and doing the work in a thorough manner. Brother I. S. Cogswell and wife of Utility Grange were present. Literary program consisted of recitation, "Gains and Losses" by Mrs. W. A. Roberts and song "The Band Played Nearer My God to Thee As the Ship Went Down," by C. W. Stedman.

BOTH NEGLECTED.
There is a saying that a man who squeezes a dollar never squeezes his wife. After glancing over our subscription book, we are led to remark that there are a number of good married women in this county who are not getting the attention they deserve.